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One of the spaces is used to insert type of glass finish. There are seven different finish groups, each of which includes one to four possible finishes. Seven rubber type slugs are used, one for each finish group.

Another space is used to insert type of glass. There are eight different glass groups, each of which includes one to three possible glass types. Eight rubber type slugs are used.

Rubber type slugs containing pictures and catalog numbers are inserted in the third cut-out space in the mat. Currently, Tri-Lite has about 50 picture slugs representing popular items accounting for half of total production. Eventually, the company will have picture slugs for all items.

To print labels, the rubber mat is mounted on the system and slugs are inserted in cut-out spaces in the mat. The desired number of labels is preset on an automatic counter. At the touch of a button, the printing system reproduces and cuts off $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{4}$ -in. gummed labels from roll stock at rates up to 120 a minute. Stacking the labels neatly in a tray, the system automatically shuts off at the end of each printing run. Printing runs vary from one to 500 labels.

Following printing, the labels are stored in racks on the manufacturing floor ready for immediate use. Before applying the labels to containers, packers check off the type of finish and type of glass if there is more than one type within a finish or glass group. For more information, Write In #185 ☐